date till the Tea Trading Corporation of India finalises the rehabilitation of workers and disposal of the gardens.

(c) DGHC was informed that cases filed by the erstwhile owners/ private parties with regard to these gardens are pending in the Calcutta High Court and therefore, the matter is *sub-judice*. Accordingly, the future of these gardens would depend on the outcome of the court judgement.

Collaboration of India and Pakistan to protect the textile sector from E.U.

2462. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Pakistan have decided to Collaborate to protect their interests in the textile sector against the European Union;

(b) if so, the modalities worked out against the moves by the European Union; and

(c) the mechanism evolved to protect the interests of textile manufacturers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) There is no consideration at present regarding collaboration between India and Pakistan to protect their interests in the textile sector against the European Union. However, as part of the ongoing work programme in the World Trade Organisation on resolution of implementation related issues, concerns have been expressed by India along with other developing countries including Pakistan regarding the lack of liberalisation in international trade in the textile sector.

JWG on Indo-China trade

2463. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether after signing a pact on WTO India and China also signed a MoU for setting up a Joint Working Group (JWG) to increase cooperation in metallurgical sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?